

State Board of Social Services

22VAC10-661 Child Care Program (Proposed)

Agency Response to Economic Impact Analysis

The Department of Social Services offers the following response to the December 9, 2011 Economic Impact Analysis (EIA) prepared by the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB):

EIA, page two, paragraph one, reference to the change in local department application processing times from 45 to 30 days. “This change, however, will likely increase LDSS workload in this area given that they will have to process applications more quickly.”

Agency Response: The Child Care Program piloted this change with local departments and found it to be an acceptable timeframe for application processing. Also, the state has recently taken responsibility for the approval of unregulated child care providers who want to participate in the program and for payments to providers. These actions have reduced the local department workload.

EIA, page two, paragraph two, reference to a limit on child care subsidies received by any given family. “Current regulations allow LDSS the discretion to set a 60 month limit on child care subsidies received by any given family. The Board proposes to replace this with a mandatory 72 month limit for all LDSS.”

Agency Response: The limit on receipt of assistance applies to only those families in the Fee Program (income eligible, non-TANF families and TANF families (non-VIEW) who receive assistance to support education or training only.) Child Care for TANF working families, VIEW participants, and families receiving Head Start Wrap Around services are not impacted by the time limit in the current or proposed regulation.